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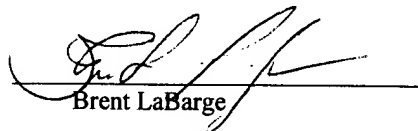
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text:

a Figure 24: Sequence of dm argonaute 2 (SEQ ID NO: 5). Peptides identified by
microsequencing are shown in underline.

*The replacement paragraph presented above incorporates changes as indicated
by the marked-up version below.*